

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [00023] as follows:

According to the present invention, a pressure member is provided that applies a vertically directed pressure component on a perimeter portion of the stack, forcing the stack into contact with a an opposing portion of the channel structure. The pressure members in the particular embodiment of Fig. 5 is ~~are~~ shown as first and second resilient members 60 and 62 extending from the base 46 at first and second opposing ends 64 and 66 of the channel 44. Each pressure member 60, 62 has a slit 55 between base 46 and side 51. Fig. 5 also shows pressure ~~The members 60 and 62 as shown are~~ with resilient members ~~protrusions from the base 46,~~ extending in an upward direction, ~~having~~ from base 46.

Fig. 6 provides a bottom view of the clip 36 of Fig. 5 with stack 38 inserted in channel 44. Resilient members 60, 62 of clip 36 are shown with contact areas 68 and 70 positioned so as to contact and apply applying an upward force on perimeter/edge/rail edge portions 72 and 74 (Fig. 6) of a (hereinafter referred to as edges) on the bottom tray of a stack 38, inserted in the clip 36. The perimeter/edge/rail portions Edges 72 and 74 are the also known as perimeter portions as shown surrounding that surround the bottom cavity 75 of the tray 40. Fig. 6 is a bottom view of the clip 36 of Fig. 5 with the stack 38 inserted in the channel 44. Fig. 6 clearly shows the resilient first and second members 60 and 62 deflected by the edge portions edges 72 and 74 of the tray 40, the. When resilient members applying apply a force on the edge portions edges 72 and 74, forcing the stack 38 comes into contact with the protrusions 52 and 54, and thereby captivating the stack in the clip 36.

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Fig. 7 is a top perspective view of the assembly of Fig. 6, showing the protrusions 52 and 54 of clip 36 over the edge portions 56 and 58 of the stack 38.

Please amend paragraph [00025] as follows:

The above-described embodiment is given by way of example. This ~~embodiment of the~~ The present invention substantially restricts the application of force by a clip to perimeter areas near the edges 72 and 74 of the trays; ~~applying the force to the side rail portions of 72 and 74~~. Various alternate embodiments will be apparent to those skilled in the art upon reading the present disclosure, and these alternate embodiments are included in the spirit of the present invention. For example, instead of the single leaf type members 60, 62 as shown in Fig. 5-7, other configurations could be used, including a plurality of members on either or both of the input and/or output of the channel 44. For example, Fig. 8 shows a clip 76 with springs 78 positioned under the protrusions 80 and 82 for applying a spring force substantially at the perimeter side rail areas of a tray according to the spirit of the present invention. A simple elongated spring of various designs could alternatively be used on each side instead of the two springs 78 per side. ~~Fig. 9 shows a further alternate embodiment of a clip 84 wherein resilient members 86 are shown having an integral, molded design similar to the members 60 and 62 of Figs. 5-7, but smaller and placed near the right and left tray edges, instead of making contact under the front and back tray edge areas as in Figs. 5-7. The~~ In Fig. 8, springs 78 as shown, are positioned/configured for pressuring a stack of trays against the under side of the protrusions 80 and 82. As a an alternate embodiment, springs 83 in Fig. 8, similar to springs 78, can be

alternatively positioned and attached to the protrusions 80 and 82 for pressuring perimeter portions of a stack of trays, forcing the stack against the base 85. As a still further embodiment of the present invention, an apparatus is provided in a plurality of parts, wherein each part provides a clamping action on a perimeter portion of a stack. For example, referring again to Fig. 8, if the portion designated by dashed lines 77 were removed, the result would be two parts 79 and 81 which could be used to restrain a stack in a similar way as described above in describing the clip 76.

Fig. 9 shows a further alternate embodiment of a clip 84 wherein resilient members 86 are shown having an integral, molded design similar to members 60 and 62 of Figs. 5 -7, but smaller and placed near the right and left tray edges, instead of making contact under the front and back tray edge areas as in Figs. 5-7.